

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-21 remain pending in the instant application with claim 1 in independent form. At the request of the Examiner (see Interview Summary below), Claim 1 is herein amended to clarify that the claimed acrylic copolymer is obtained by radical-polymerization of particularly claimed constituents. Support for this amendment is found at least in paragraphs [0011] to [0016] and in the Examples of the specification as originally filed. These paragraphs and the Examples make it clear that component (A) is produced by radically polymerizing constituents (A1), (A2), and (A3), which are particularly claimed. Accordingly, no new matter is added in this Amendment.

### **Interview Summary:**

On April 7, 2010, the Applicant's attorney interviewed the Examiner to discuss the previously amended claims and the pending claim rejections. The Applicant's attorney made it clear to the Examiner that the vinyl-polymerizable compounds (A2) were specifically claimed as a series of discrete and individual compounds, none of which include hydroxyl or epoxy groups. In response, the Examiner suggested that the Applicant further amend claim 1 to include the terminology "consisting essentially of" to make it clear that the acrylic-type copolymer (A) is formed from the radical-polymerization of the particularly claimed substituents and that the vinyl-polymerizable compounds (A2) do not have hydroxyl or epoxy groups. The Examiner also suggested to the Applicant's attorney that such an amendment should result in issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

### **Pending Claim Rejections:**

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112¶1 because the Examiner cannot find the basis for the terminology "alkylmethacrylate" in claim 1. The Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner to review original claims 6, 14, and 16 and paragraph [0012] to find verbatim support

for the terminology “alkylmethacrylate.” Accordingly, the Applicant requests that these rejections be withdrawn.

The pending claims stand rejected under both 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 under JP 04-103668 (JP668) and JP 10-101765 (JP765). To be very clear for the Examiner, the Applicant respectfully re-emphasizes that the claimed vinyl-polymerizable compounds (A2) are discrete compounds, none of which include hydroxyl and/or epoxy groups. Moreover, in the instant Amendment, the Applicant further makes it clear that the acrylic copolymer (A) does not include any hydroxyl and/or epoxy groups through use of the terminology “consisting essentially of” as requested by the Examiner. As discussed in detail with the Examiner in the Interview, the amended claims are patentably distinct from both JP668 and JP765. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be promptly issued.

**Conclusion:**

While it is believed that no further fees are presently due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Deposit Account No. 08-2789, in the name of Howard & Howard Attorneys PLLC, for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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